

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

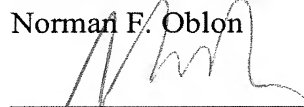
Favorable consideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

In response to the outstanding restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group 1, Claims 1-6, 11-17, drawn to a sputtering target. Claims 7-10 and 18-20 have been cancelled. Claim 17 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Applicants therefore believe that the present application is in a condition for examination and respectfully solicit an early and favorable action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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